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Wild Horse Adoptions Set for Early August in Redmond and Burns

BURNS, Oregon – More than 70 wild horses and 45 mare/foal pairs will be offered for adoption at two events scheduled for August 5-6 in Redmond and August 7-13 in Burns.

The Redmond adoption is co-sponsored by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, and Central Oregon Wild Horse Coalition. The event will take place at Cline Falls Ranch, 170 Northwest 67th, and begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday with previewing, adopter registration, and gentling demonstrations by Todd Titus and Leslie Neuman until 4 p.m. The same schedule will carry through Sunday, but only until 2 p.m., when a drawing for an original wild horse oil painting will take place. Those eligible to win the painting must have been present at some time during the 2-day event to sign-up in person. Following the drawing, the oral bid process will begin for the 7-8 horses available. Animals featured include mares, geldings, and a filly, ranging in age from 1-5 years and gathered from the Palomino Buttes, Coyote Lake/Alvord Tule, and Sand Springs Herd Management Areas.

The August 7-13 adoption in Burns will take place at the Wild Horse Corral Facility, milepost 122 on Highway 20 West, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, except Sunday when adoptions will end at 12 noon. The walk-up style adoption will be open continuously over the 7-day period and feature 45 mare/foal pairs and over 70 other individual horses currently in the facility. For the pairs, mares will be offered at \$125 with their foals as buddy horses for \$25, totaling \$150. A few horses between the ages of 4-10 years old will be offered at \$25 with the remaining available at the base fee of \$125.

For successful adopters at the Burns event, BLM will provide free hauling up to 300 miles one way before August 21.

Only qualified adopters will be able to take an animal home from Redmond or Burns, but everyone is welcome to come out and see some of America's living legends. Qualified adopters are those who have registered and been approved to adopt through the Wild Horse Program. Registration and approval can occur onsite at the events, or ahead of time by mailing an application to the BLM Wild Horse Program in either Prineville or Burns.

All horse enthusiasts are encouraged to consider becoming adopters so these wild horses can be placed in good, safe homes. With their stamina, hardiness, and quick intelligence, Oregon's wild horses make excellent partners for any discipline.

For more information on the upcoming adoptions, contact the Burns District Office at (541) 573-4400, or the Prineville District Office at (541) 416-6720.

